

The book is clear in style, practical, and well illustrated. There is no attempt on the part of the author to thrust his own inventions into undue prominence.

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A TREATISE ON APPENDICITIS. By GEORGE R. FOWLER, M.D.,
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The surgical world will be pleased to know that the series of articles which have appeared in the *ANNALS OF SURGERY*, under the heading of "Observations upon Appendicitis," have been collected into one volume by the author, and published under the more appropriate title of "A Treatise on Appendicitis." The great interest which these articles attracted during the course of their appearance renders an extended review unnecessary. They represent not only the most advanced surgical thought, but also present many new truths illustrated by a large amount of clinical material.

Of all that has been written upon this subject during the few years, in which the disease has been studied from the stand-point of modern pathology, no work has appeared in any language in which the subject has been so fully, so clearly, and so scientifically treated as in this. Our knowledge of appendicitis, which is so different from that of the old pathology, has accumulated so rapidly, and been illustrated by such a vast amount of clinical data, that such a treatise has become a necessity; and fortunate it is that, when the time came, there was an author ready with a thorough familiarity with the literature and a store of information gotten from an immense clinical experience to produce a modern treatise upon the subject.

The American Surgical Association is to be congratulated that this work has come from the pen of one of its members, and that the position of American surgical literature has been so strengthened by its appearance.

Besides the author's own work, the chapter on the "Pathological Anatomy of the Vermiform Appendix," which was written by Pro-

fessor J. M. Van Cott, Jr., is deserving of especial mention as embodying the most advanced views and the results of the author's own researches in the subject ; for it must not be lost sight of that the pathological anatomy and etiology as well as the clinical study and treatment of appendicitis have been most largely contributed to by American pathologists.

This work should not only be in the library of every surgeon, but should be perused with especial care by the general practitioner.

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